

Town Demolishes Vacant, Unsafe House on Station Road in Bellport

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"Fast Track" law allows Town to take action on second dangerous eyesore in two weeks

Farmingville, NY - The Town of Brookhaven has demolished a long vacant house located at 253 Station Road in Bellport. The owner had been issued violations from the Building Department, including those for property maintenance, unsecured structure and unsafe structure. The house was demolished in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code, which after due process, allows the Town to demolish unsafe structures. The code provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of dangerous eyesores to protect the health and safety of residents. This demolition comes just one week after the town razed a burned out house located at 2 Association Road in Bellport.

Supervisor Ed Romaine said, "This house has been a blight on the community for many years and there are more like it all throughout the Town. Fortunately, we now have laws in place to remove unsafe structures that have a negative impact in the neighborhood and bring down property values for everyone nearby. I commend our Law and Building Departments for their work to help clean up Brookhaven Town."

Councilwoman Connie Kepert (pictured above) said, "Two fifty three Station Road, which has marred the landscape along Station Road, was demolished today by the Town of Brookhaven. Working with our Law and Building Departments, I am very happy that we were finally able to overcome the legal obstacles to demolition and take down this terrible eyesore. This is a great day for the people of Bellport."

The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner. The Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and they collect the money from the property owner.

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